

## The Weekly Ledger

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### THAT BIG MULE RING

WE understand that the Commercial Club has appointed a committee to arrange for a \$500 mule premium for the big Mexico Fair but we hear this matter has not yet been undertaken. We have heard quite a number of people interested in the fair and in the mule business and in the growth and prosperity of Mexico and Audrain county, express a desire to assist in underwriting this big mule ring premium. The matter should be looked after immediately if the premium is to become effective at the big fair in August.

REFERRING to the pure advertising law and its enforcement, the News-Capital, published at McAlester, Okla., editorially says: "The first case of conviction under the new 'pure advertising statute' was secured at Cherokee a few days ago. The three men convicted and fined \$35 each are transient merchants who recently located in Cherokee. They advertised that they would sell a stock of goods which they had assembled by paying the freight charges after the goods had been left on the hands of railroad companies. It was charged that the merchants stated in their advertisements that the goods would be sold at low prices, owing to the fact that the goods had cost them only the freight charges. Testimony was introduced to show that the goods had not been purchased by merely paying the freight charges, but had been purchased in open markets."

THE cost of gasoline has superseded the price of hay as a topic of rural anxiety.

HOLLAND and Greece find that the friendship of a warring power is almost as burdensome as its enmity.

PRESIDENT WILSON will never do a single thing right until Theodore Roosevelt recovers from his desire for a third term.

MANY a man fails to hear the knock of opportunity because he is busy doing a little "knocking" on his own account.

YOU have noticed of course, that "the chap" who claims to take a bath every morning doesn't look to be any cleaner than the rest of us.

THE Democratic candidates for Governor should not become personal and abuse each other. Better save some ammunition until after the August primary and not furnish it to the Republican nominee in advance.

SPEAKER CLARK spoke with refreshing common sense when he reminded the House that it's business is to settle immediately public business, not to waste "mortal hours on a question that is absolutely immaterial," as debated. The "leave to print" permission is nothing like so great a waste of time and money as the leave to talk.

THE death of W. C. Barclay, who for fifty years has been a resident of Audrain County, removes from our midst one of our sturdy pioneer settlers and a man highly respected by all who knew him.

F. A. MORRIS has purchased from J. B. Graham the two buildings occupied by C. B. Morris and F. P. McCord's south side square, for \$6500. This property is splendidly located and is a fine investment. There is no better place to invest money than in Mexico and Audrain county real estate. No matter what anybody may say, there is no better town to live and have your money invested in than good old Mexico, Mo.

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## WILL MAKE EFFORT FOR DRAGGING OF HIGHWAY

County Seat Road Commission to Be Enlisted in Improving Bad Section of Road.

CENTRALIA WILL AID ALSO

Commercial Club Hears Bond Issue Discussed in New Light by a St. Louis Expert.

The assistance of the County Seat Highway Commission will be enlisted to improve the section of the highway between this city and Centralia. The commission is composed of Geo. Pollard, C. B. Ellis and J. T. Johnson. Centralia had representatives here and they will lend their assistance in improving the road.

One of the most practical and interesting road talks ever delivered in this city was heard Saturday noon at the Commercial Club luncheon when A. C. McKibbin, of Clayton, who carried the St. Louis Road Bond Issue as well as the one in Jefferson County and has been aiding the movement in Wayne county, told those gathered at the Hotel Hoxsey how to get better roads as well as what to make them of.

He said that it had been proved in other counties and would be true here that it was cheaper to build roads by bonds than under the present plan. The serial type of bond in many ways differs from the bonds heretofore issued for road purposes, has minimized the cost of building good roads in Missouri. It makes it possible to pay less taxes and have better roads.

He said the macadam road was entirely out of date and that gravel or oil are the character of roads which should be built in Audrain. The macadam road, according to tests all over the country, is a great expense because the heavy motor car traffic soon tears it to pieces. Mr. McKibbin said a road properly crowned and drained and then given the right treatment of oil made a splendid highway. He said he wanted to return to Mexico at some future date and address a meeting of farmers.

Those from out of town at the meeting, besides Mr. McKibbin were Mayor Arthur Bruton, M. S. Bush and Edgar Lyons of Centralia, State Fieldman H. C. of the Highway Department, J. W. Perkins, of Belleflower, Joe Condit, Thompson and Sam Bowen, Centralia.

HOW LIES LOWDER AIDED. PERSHING GET ADVANCE

Brigadier-General John A. Pershing, commanding the United States forces seeking Villa in Mexico, was one of his most signal military honors in the Philippine Islands, and Less Lowder, of this city, was present and fought at the battle of Fort Bacolod, Pershing's greatest achievement in the Pacific Islands. Mr. Lowder was in the army six years and for 16 months under General Pershing.

Pershing's career during the Philippine uprisings, was one of continued brilliancy. He reduced 10 native forts and won numerous victories against great odds. He first distinguished himself as a Captain in the Fifteenth Cavalry, stationed on the island of Mindanao, by leading numerous expeditions against the Moros. For three months the dispatches regarding his work were simply a record of victories against a foe with whom it was usually hard to deal.

In 1911, when the Moros started a new uprising, Gen. Pershing was sent against them again. Battles were fought almost daily by his men against superior forces. Losses were heavy on both sides, but he finally discerned the Moros. He was during this campaign that he was made Governor of Mindanao, in addition to retaining his position in the army. He continued to act as Governor until 1914 when he returned to the United States.

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## SMALL CHANCE TO BEAT ACCOUNT IN COLUMBIA

It is not unusual time to hear Mexico merchants complain of the large credit accounts they are carrying on their books and which, at times, forces them to embarrassing conditions in the payment of their own accounts.

In some cases it keeps a merchant from taking advantage of the cash discount offered by the wholesaler. Columbia merchants have solved this question. Here is how it was done as told by a Columbia business man:

A man is going to move to Columbia in the next few weeks from another Missouri town where he owns the merchants a little more than \$200 for grocery, clothing, furniture and coal.

What chances will this man have of "beating" Columbia merchants who trust him with groceries or meat or clothing? He will find Columbia an unprofitable field, think C. O. Haines, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association. The record of this man in the town he last lived in is on file with the secretary and is available to members of the association whenever the new citizen arrives and seeks credit. The business, the habits, the size of the family, the name of each creditor who has unpaid bills—in fact, the complete history of this man who is going to move here has preceded him to town and stands ready to guard the Columbia merchants against loss.

How Information is Gathered. Another man who recently moved to Columbia can go to any store in town and get credit without a moment's hesitation on the part of the merchants. There are on file with the secretary of the Merchants' Association three blank filled out by three merchants in a town where this man formerly lived, reporting him prompt in paying all his debts and recommending him as a man of character. These are two examples of the inside workings of the credit bureau of the Columbia Retail Merchants' Association which has saved Columbia merchants thousands of dollars loss from bad accounts each year.

The bureau has two objects, according to Mr. Haines. They are to establish a credit rating to men who move to Columbia and are rated "good" if they are not known, and to protect the retailers from the man who practices living in a community until his debts force him to move.

If the credit bureau learns a family is making arrangements to move from Columbia the fact is mentioned in the daily bulletin issued by the merchants' association. This bulletin which the debtor was about to forget in his hasty moving will undoubtedly make its appearance before the furniture is packed into the car.

The association depends for its efficiency upon the attention the merchant-members give to reporting the paying habits of their customers, and their reliance on the bureau to give what information it has every time a charge account is opened with a new man.

There is more to this section of the country than all other districts put together, and for years it was supposed to be generally true. It is a section of the country which is a credit bureau, greatly influenced by its geographical conditions and character. It is a section of the country which is a credit bureau, greatly influenced by its geographical conditions and character.

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## MEXICO LOSES TO MOB-ERLY; SCORE 3 TO 1

Pitcher Lancaster of the Athletics Makes Splendid Showing and Wins Home Here.

HIGBEE and Columbia Tie and Centralia Defeats Paris Nine to One in Former City.

BIG CROWD WITNESSES GAME

Baseball fans who braved the weather to witness the opening game of the Central Missouri League here Sunday, saw a regular ball game Mexico lost by a hair to Moberly 3 to 1.

"Lefty" Lancaster, the Athletics newly acquired southpaw, delivered the goods for Mexico and pitched a winning game.

Lancaster will be with us permanently says manager Blatter of the Athletics. Every one who saw the contest was outwitted with praise for the little fellow. In retired 11 of Moberly's batmen on strikes besides scoring Mexico's one run on a triple and coming home from third on Kistler's sacrifice fly to left field.

It was Lancaster all the way through. And according to the box score he should have gone over for a victory of 1 to 0. On the hitting end J. O. Roberts, Hisey, F. Marshall and Grose gave him enough for a win. Roberts out of four times up, got a triple, a double and single. Unfortunately his triple, as did Lancaster's, came with none on.

Kistler, the high school boy, who is holding down third for the Athletics came through in the pinch and aided in Mexico's earned run. The only earned run in the game.

From the way the Mexico fans turned out for the opener, Mexico is going to get the support in baseball that it should have. This is the second season for the Central Missouri League. Since its success has been assured Mexico is going to get on the baseball map.

Next Sunday, Centralia plays here in Mexico's line up Lancaster, Lee, Neuhaus, and Jim Tom Edmondston will appear.

Moberly, ab r h po a e

Delaney, rf 5 0 0 0 0 0

Sullivan, ss 5 0 0 2 0 0

Hookey, cf 4 1 2 1 0 0

Holt, c 2 1 0 2 0 0

Calderwell, 3rd 4 1 3 0 2 1

C. Williams, rf 2 0 0 2 1 0

R. Williams, 1st 2 0 0 3 2 0

Wiseman, 2nd 2 0 0 3 2 0

Davies, p 4 0 1 6 3 0

32 3 5 27 20 5

Earned runs—Mexico 3. Three base hits, Lancaster, Roberts—Base on balls, out Lancaster, 3—Left on bases, Mexico 2, Moberly 1—First base errors, Moberly 3, Mexico 1. Two base hits, Roberts, Housley. Struck out by Lancaster 11, by Duvonius 5. Passed balls, Lee 3. Hit by pitcher, by Lancaster, Wiseman. Stolen bases, Caldwell, Williams.

Columbia-Higbee Tie.

Columbia and Higbee played game 8 and 8, in an eight inning game Sunday in the former city. Rain stopped the match. Pete Kidd, of this city umpired. Batteries—Columbia, Fincher and Cates; Higbee—Everett and Harriman.

Centralia Defeats Paris

Centralia defeated Paris Sunday in the former city by the score of 9 to 1.

Asks Pool Hall License.

O. H. Brown of this city has petitioned the City and the County for license to open a pool hall in the Mayfield building on the southwest corner of the square.

RAINIER TO RAISE MONEY

Washington, April 28.—Methods of raising preparatory revenue that probably will be suggested to the House by the Ways and Means Committee were outlined last night by Representative Rainier of Illinois, the ranking majority member of the Committee at a preparatory dinner given here by members of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association.

"Income taxes including the sugar tax will be increased and taxes will be levied on whiskey, wine, beer, manufactured tobacco and munitions," Rainier said. "When these taxes are levied they will be as high as they ever go and they never will be replaced."

"This will be a billion and a quarter dollar Congress and at the present rate of increase in the next few years every session will be a two billion dollar Congress. While you are devising ways for us to spend money tell us where to get it. We have got to prepare and we must find more subjects for taxation."

Circuses May Come

D. C. Weatherly, of Jefferson City who owns the Bismarck and Bulley circuses and the Sells-Floto circus will play this territory this season and one or both of them may play Mexico.

The latter show is featuring Frank Guts, champion wrestler of the world, and Jess Willard, champion heavyweight boxer of the world. They meet all comers at their performance as well as give exhibition bouts.

Miss Jane Rodgers went to Columbia Friday to attend a Kappa Kappa Gamma formal.

Dr. Goelin of Columbia, was in this city on business Friday.

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR U. C. T. MEETING OUTLINED

The United Commercial Travelers state convention which meets in this city, Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4 promises to be as filled with entertainment as the sports of Mexico will have little time to devote toward their official duties. The entertainment committee from the local U. C. T. organization and the Commercial Club met Thursday morning in the office of J. W. Buffington and outlined a tentative program.

Friday morning, the opening day will be devoted to band concerts, a general get-together session and an address of welcome by Mayor J. F. Harrison. The sessions will either be held in the Odd Fellows hall or the Lyric theatre.

The entertainment for the early part of Friday afternoon has not been fully decided upon, but at 4 o'clock and until six there will be a reception at the Elks Home for the visiting ladies. At 7:30 that evening a musical performance by the Elks for the visitors is planned at the Airdome. After the show there will be a dance at the Elks home. The early part of the afternoon may be filled with attending the pictures at the Orpheum if no other plan is devised.

Saturday morning the ladies will be driven over the city in motor cars stopping at several Mexico homes and enjoying a progressive tea. Saturday afternoon there will be a base ball game. The evening Saturday, as yet has not been planned. The program will be definitely decided upon shortly.

## A WORD FOR MOTHERS

If a grass outbreak for mothers to neglect their aches and pains and suffer in silence—this only leads to chronic illness and often shortens life.

Hyperwork is trying if your nerves are excitable; if you feel fatigued, weary or depressed, you should know that Scott's Emulsion is just what you need.

It possesses concentrated form the very elements to invigorate the blood, strengthen the tissues, nourish the nerves and build strength.

Scott's Emulsion strengthens thousands of mothers—and will help you, too. No alcohol. Scott & Bowne, New York, N. Y.

## WAYNE COUNTY AIDS ROADS

Piedmont, May 1.—The \$200,000 bond issue for roads and bridges carried by an 8 to 1 vote in Wayne county Saturday. The fine weather brought the farmers out in large numbers and they helped to roll up the large majority. The campaign carried on by the young men of the county had broken down opposition.

Leeper, seven miles south of here, cast every vote for the bonds.

Wayne county has an assessed valuation of more than \$4,000,000 and voted the bonds following the lead of St. Louis and Jefferson counties of the north. Wayne county already has twenty-five miles of pile road built by the citizens and the county court from Piedmont to Greenville, the county seat.

## THE BEST PROOF

Given By a Mexico Citizen.

Don's Kidney Pills were used—they brought benefit.

The story was told to Mexico residents. Time has strengthened the evidence. The testimony is home testimony—The proof convincing.

It can be investigated by Mexico residents.

Mrs. John Reads, 1104 Harvard St. Mexico, says: "I suffered for some time with kidney complaint. I had pain in my hips and a bearing-down pain in my loins. I had pains in my head and irregular passages of the kidney secretions. I couldn't rest well nights and didn't know what to do. I finally got a box of Don's Kidney Pills at Buckner & Whitely's Drug Store and was cured in a short time." (Statement given November 10, 1908.)

A Permanent Cure.

OVER THREE YEARS LATER Mrs. Reads said: "The cure made by Don's Kidney Pills is my case has been permanent."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Don's Kidney Pills—the same as the one Mrs. Reads had twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

McMillan Alumni Banquet.

A meeting of the McMillan Alumni Association was held at the High School Saturday night and the chairman of the committees were appointed to make arrangements for the annual banquet. The date for it has been set for May 27, but the place for holding it has not been decided yet. Charles Wright, '15 is president of the Alumni Association.

William Kemper who was taken seriously ill a few days ago is able to be up and around.

After Six Years of Suffering

Woman Made Well by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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